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## OCTOBER TRADE IN LIVESTOCK, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

October exports of livestock, meat and meat products were valued at $91 million—a record high and 72 percent above the same month last year. Larger exports of cattlehides and pork at high per unit export values accounted for the major part of the increase. Also, the value of live horse exports was up significantly due to the export of 334 head of thoroughbred race horses to France having a combined value of $3.1 million.

Whole cattlehides, the No. 1 byproduct export, are continuing their upward trend. Through October, exports were up 17 percent to nearly 15 million pieces, and for the month of October alone totaled 1.9 million pieces—up 21 percent from last year. Of the total, shipments to Japan accounted for 41 percent this year compared with 36 percent last year. Shipments to Romania, Czechoslovakia, and Spain are also up sharply. Per unit export values through October averaged $13 per piece compared with $8 last year.

Pork shipments to Japan and Canada were up sharply in October and accounted for most of the near tripling in total pork export volume to 17 million pounds. Bellies are our major export to Canada while loins and cuts are going to Japan. Exports to Japan totaled 9.3 million pounds in October compared with only 3.4 million pounds last year. It is doubtful that the record shipments to Japan, totaling 45 million pounds through October, will continue. About 99 percent of the total was exported in the months of April through October and coincided with the Japanese removal of import duties. Duties were reinstated on November 1. Prices for pork bellies have skyrocketed in Canada and have encouraged the more than doubling of U.S. shipments to that market to 25 million pounds. Bellies in Canada were quoted at 51 cents per pound on December 1, up from 23 cents per pound a year ago. Beef exports to Canada are also growing this year—up 35 percent through October to 26 million pounds.

Animal fat exports were down 16 percent in October compared with year earlier levels and 12 percent for the current year to date. Lard exports were off the greatest—down 47 percent to 128 million pounds, due almost entirely to a lower level of shipments to the United Kingdom. As a result of larger sales to Mexico and shipments of 1.4 million pounds to Belgium, October lard exports were off only 3 percent from year earlier levels to 12 million pounds.

Inedible tallow exports continue to suffer because of the loss of the Indian market. Through October inedible tallow and grease exports were off 10 percent to 1.8 billion pounds. Shipments to India totaled only 47 million pounds compared to 302 million pounds in 1972. Larger exports to Spain and Egypt are offsetting reduced shipments to South America. Reports indicate that India may buy up to 110 million pounds but the sale may not occur between now and the end of this calendar year.

The value of October imports of livestock, meat and meat products was also at a record level and totaled $161 million. Larger imports of boneless beef, canned hams and shoulders, and feeder cattle accounted for most of the gain.

Arrivals of boneless beef in October were up 85 percent from year earlier levels to 137 million pounds, and in per unit value they were up 5 cents to 59 cents per pound. Imports from Australia and New Zealand were each up 88 percent to 82 million and 27 million pounds, respectively. Imports from Australia usually peak in August or September as this corresponds to the height of their slaughter season then trend down sharply for the remainder of the year. This year though, imports peaked in August but remained at high levels in both September and October.

Imports of boneless beef account for about 94 percent of the meats subject to the Meat Import Law. The remaining 6 percent is accounted for by fresh, chilled or frozen bone-in beef and veal, mutton and goat meats.

Veal imports have advanced sharply in 1972 to 27 million pounds and are already above total 1970 and 1971 imports. Entries from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Mexico, the major suppliers, are up. Of the total, Australia supplies slightly more than half.

Entries of canned hams and shoulders are up sharply from all suppliers, however, it should be noted that the 9 million pounds imported in October 1971 was probably a record low. Importers of canned hams report price advances in all supplies and have indications of shortages of Dutch, Danish, and Polish products. Importers are drawing from stocks of Polish canned hams to compensate for shortages of Dutch and Danish products. They are fearful that buyers might substitute domestic hams owing to the rising prices. Some easing in demand, however, occurred in November with the Thanksgiving holiday and the traditional switch to turkey.

Following the normal seasonal trend, imports of feeder cattle turned upward in October. This corresponds to the seasonality of rainfall in Mexico. Canadian feeder prices are high, but the U.S. market is still relatively more attractive. Imports from Canada totaled 26,000 head and from Mexico 42,000 head.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law,
October and January October 1972, with comparisons

| Imports | October | January-October |
|---|---|---|
| | Million pounds | Million pounds |
| 1972 | | |
| Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ .... | 145.2 | 1,143.0 |
| Total beef and veal 2/ ..... | 158.9 | 1,247.1 |
| Total red meat 3/ ..... | 199.7 | 1,682.7 |
| 1971 | | |
| Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ .... | 80.4 | 939.1 |
| Total beef and veal 2/ ..... | 90.1 | 1,094.2 |
| Total red meat 3/ ..... | 109.2 | 1,473.8 |
| 1970 | | |
| Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ .... | 89.3 | 1,001.4 |
| Total beef and veal 2/ ..... | 116.3 | 1,150.2 |
| Total red meat 3/ ..... | 151.9 | 1,539.4 |

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goat meat including rejections.

2/ All forms, including canned and preserved.

3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law,
January-October 1972, with comparisons 1/ 2/

| Country of origin | October | | January-October | | Percent change from 1971 Jan.-Oct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 | |
| | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | Percent |
| Australia | 47,136 | 87,320 | 443,439 | 623,246 | +41 |
| New Zealand | 14,874 | 28,494 | 207,846 | 236,839 | +14 |
| Mexico | 3,225 | 6,267 | 65,850 | 66,596 | +1 |
| Canada | 6,090 | 4,388 | 64,616 | 49,834 | -23 |
| Costa Rica | 714 | 1,260 | 31,991 | 38,877 | +22 |
| Nicaragua | 1,259 | 4,349 | 27,838 | 36,547 | +31 |
| Ireland | 2,587 | 1,042 | 56,693 | 27,645 | -51 |
| Guatemala | 1,952 | 3,576 | 18,066 | 22,493 | +25 |
| Honduras | 1,021 | 3,902 | 12,967 | 19,493 | +50 |
| Dominican Republic | 736 | 1,573 | 4,953 | 11,320 | +129 |
| El Salvador | --- | 2,152 | --- | 4,975 | --- |
| Panama | 65 | 635 | 1,969 | 3,451 | +75 |
| Haiti | 161 | 192 | 1,071 | 1,675 | +56 |
| United Kingdom | 549 | --- | 1,847 | 37 | -98 |
| Total 3/ | 80,371 | 145,150 | 939,144 | 1,143,029 | +22 |

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goat meat including rejections. Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

Meat and selected livestock products: U.S. exports
October and January-October 1972, with comparisons 1/

| Commodity | October | | January-October | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 |
| | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds |
| Animal fats: | | | | |
| Lard | 12,154 | 11,823 | 240,192 | 128,351 |
| Tallow and greases: | | | | |
| Inedible | 210,792 | 175,502 | 2,164,076 | 1,995,318 |
| Edible | 982 | 1,343 | 8,365 | 8,704 |
| Meats: | | | | |
| Beef and veal | 2,584 | 3,997 | 33,495 | 39,866 |
| Pork | 6,174 | 16,624 | 44,293 | 86,357 |
| Goat, lamb, and mutton | 53 | 138 | 1,086 | 1,073 |
| Sausages | 172 | 430 | 3,096 | 3,228 |
| Meat specialties | 248 | 405 | 2,786 | 3,394 |
| Other canned | 723 | 906 | 7,050 | 6,629 |
| Total red meats 2/ | 9,954 | 22,500 | 91,806 | 140,546 |
| Variety meats | 21,740 | 28,893 | 224,633 | 226,064 |
| Sausage casings (animal origin) | 829 | 1,282 | 10,384 | 11,539 |
| Animal hair, including mohair | 649 | 2,288 | 16,333 | 29,619 |
| Hides and skins: | | | | |
| Cattle parts | 1,025 | 2,607 | 24,614 | 18,151 |
| | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces |
| Cattle | 1,565 | 1,893 | 12,611 | 14,734 |
| Calf | 108 | 110 | 1,677 | 1,219 |
| Kip | 15 | 53 | 207 | 351 |
| Sheep and lamb | 480 | 555 | 4,740 | 4,615 |
| Horse | 1 | 7 | 75 | 62 |
| Goat and kid | 1,109 | 72 | 1,621 | 924 |
| | Number | Number | Number | Number |
| Livestock: | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 3,157 | 2,555 | 76,968 | 153,812 |
| Sheep, lambs, and goats | 12,460 | 6,554 | 195,803 | 127,759 |
| Hogs | 1,268 | 1,159 | 15,138 | 9,730 |
| Horses, asses, mules, and burros | 1,050 | 2,640 | 11,411 | 16,644 |

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products,
October and January-October 1972, with comparisons 1/

| Commodity | October | | January-October | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 |
| Red meats: | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds |
| Beef and veal: | | | | |
| Fresh, chilled, or frozen: | | | | |
| Bone-in-beef | 2,490 | 1,619 | 16,964 | 9,838 |
| Boneless beef | 74,016 | 136,825 | 876,456 | 1,052,916 |
| Prepared items | 1,833 | 1,106 | 35,671 | 22,572 |
| Veal | 1,534 | 5,041 | 15,194 | 26,573 |
| Prepared or preserved: | | | | |
| Canned: | | | | |
| Corned | 4,549 | 5,555 | 57,401 | 68,131 |
| Other | 2,440 | 2,806 | 21,538 | 17,809 |
| Other | 3,157 | 5,695 | 68,778 | 46,910 |
| Sausage | 53 | 253 | 2,198 | 2,365 |
| Total beef and veal 2/ | 90,072 | 158,900 | 1,094,201 | 1,247,114 |
| Pork: | | | | |
| Fresh, chilled, or frozen | 3,763 | 4,312 | 53,684 | 57,336 |
| Canned: | | | | |
| Hams and shoulders | 9,036 | 27,469 | 216,409 | 246,782 |
| Other | 660 | 1,951 | 17,278 | 16,943 |
| Cured | 196 | 312 | 3,434 | 3,386 |
| Sausage | 292 | 541 | 3,104 | 4,624 |
| Total pork 2/ | 13,947 | 34,585 | 293,909 | 329,071 |
| Mutton and goat | 2,330 | 1,664 | 30,531 | 53,702 |
| Lamb | 1,557 | 2,170 | 35,627 | 34,948 |
| Sausage-mixed | 411 | 567 | 6,868 | 5,363 |
| Other meats | 889 | 1,855 | 12,640 | 12,547 |
| Total red meats 2/ | 109,207 | 199,742 | 1,473,775 | 1,682,745 |
| Variety meats | 350 | 986 | 5,306 | 6,131 |
| Edible and inedible tallow and grease | 357 | 292 | 5,752 | 4,191 |
| Meat extract | 92 | 51 | 830 | 788 |
| Wool (clean basis): | | | | |
| Dutiable | 2,452 | 1,377 | 41,657 | 20,663 |
| Duty-free | 2,868 | 4,378 | 73,265 | 63,522 |
| Total wool 2/ | 5,320 | 5,755 | 114,923 | 84,185 |
| Animal hair (clean basis) | 268 | 288 | 2,705 | 3,718 |
| Hides and skins: | | | | |
| Cattle parts | 87 | 44 | 1,627 | 1,207 |
| Sheep skins pickled and split | 112 | 1,469 | 6,849 | 8,295 |
| | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces | 1,000 pieces |
| Cattle | 8 | 23 | 270 | 239 |
| Calf and kip | 15 | 22 | 219 | 187 |
| Buffalo | 26 | 11 | 225 | 269 |
| Sheep and lamb | 531 | 704 | 17,772 | 16,123 |
| Goat and kid | 136 | 425 | 1,595 | 3,031 |
| Horse | 3 | 8 | 152 | 168 |
| Pig | 6 | 91 | 193 | 317 |
| | Number | Number | Number | Number |
| Livestock: | | | | |
| Cattle | 27,343 | 71,801 | 597,428 | 734,307 |
| Sheep | 269 | 3,504 | 4,072 | 4,914 |
| Hogs | 3,103 | 5,128 | 66,394 | 81,144 |
| Horses, asses, mules, and burros | 212 | 337 | 3,038 | 2,677 |

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

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